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NEW VARIETIES OF PULSES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR) is going to release some of the new varieties of pulses to sustain in various agro-climatic zones of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which those new varieties are different from the existing ones?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. This year, four varieties, two each of pigeonpea and mungbean are being released for cultivation in different agro-climatic zones. The details of which are given in Annexure-I.

(c) New varieties/hybrids are high yielding and have resistance to major diseases. GTH 1 is world`s first Cytoplasmic Genetic Male Sterility (CGMS) based hybrid of pigeonpea. This hybrid is high yielder, has short duration (135-145 days) and is suitable for double cropping.

Mungbean variety MH 2-15 is resistant to yellow mosaic virus disease. UPM 02-17 is the first variety of mungbean to be officially released for NEH states and is expected to promote pulse cultivation in the region.